

CAPSULE SUMMARY

Dean House  
1311 Bay Avenue  
Highland Beach, Maryland

c. 1921

Private residence

The Dean House is a one and one-half storey bungalow style cottage in the historically black town of Highland Beach. Although the first storey facade has been modernized, the house is an existing example of the quality and value of design and construction that was assumed by residents of the community during that era.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Dean House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1311 Bay Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Highland Beach

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Annapolis 1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Millard &amp; Irene Dean

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

4701 Connecticut Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Washington, DC

VICINITY OF

200

STATE, zip code

20008

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County

Liber #: 2617

Folio #: 420

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, MD

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Dean House is a one and one-half storey cottage exhibiting the Bungalow style. It has twin dormers set in the extended gable facing the main entrance. The windows in the dormer are eight light casements with plain trim. The original porch has been replaced with an enclosed aluminum and plexiglass structured which is accented by black railing. The pier foundation is constructed of brick and has been infilled with cement blocks.

The Dean House is located in Highland Beach, Maryland on a block which is bounded by Bay Avenue on the north, Bruce Avenue towards the east, Douglass Avenue on the south and Walnut Drive towards the west. The lot is covered with dense vegetation and slopes towards the Chesapeake Bay. Highland Beach is about ten miles south of Annapolis and it is a summer, beach front community.

The northern view of the house is the front and it is defined by an enclosed eight bay porch. The aluminum siding and the plexiglass windows are additions to the original facade of the house. The steep pitched gable supports a set of dormers with gable roofs on both ends. Casement windows are exhibited on this facade.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1921

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

see "Highland Beach Settlement"

Highland Beach, Maryland is a historic black town that was founded by the son of Frederick Douglass. The town was conceived by Haley R. Douglass in the late nineteenth century to be a resort community for prominent blacks. Highland Beach is a unique existing reminder of town planning and architectural history as it relates to vernacular and high style design as exhibited by black people. Most sites and building expansions were performed within a ten to fifteen year time frame. This provides us with a concise history of design, space planning, and architecture in a homogeneous, extant community.

All of the cottages that were constructed prior to 1930 are important elements related to town planning and design. It is important that these houses retain their originality in terms of plan design, lot orientation, interior decoration, and architectural aesthetics in order to preserve the concept of space and the dynamics of community development in this historic black town.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

see "Highland Beach Settlement"

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Lots 10,11 Blk 6 Highland Beach

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Barbara Collins Turner

April 1982

ORGANIZATION

Morgan State University

DATE

301-444-3225

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Center for Built Environment Studies

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore, MD

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Mrs Frankie Dean  
1311 Bay ave

AA-838

Charles R. Douglass

To (WILL) 1920

Haley Douglass & Wife Evelyn

To Deed 12/8/24

\$500. Ulysses S. Wharton

To (WILL) 12/2/34

Cordella M. Wharton - Wife

To 12/7/49 JHH 560 328

Irene Frances Dean

To

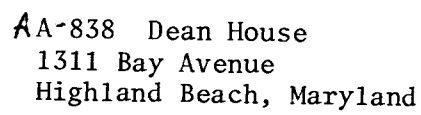
C. Maurice Weidemeyer (Trustee)

To 7/23/52 JHH 696 510

Miliard R Dean & Irene Frances Dean

To 7/24/73 L2617 420

Margo Dean Barbee & Wendie Frances Barbee







AA 838 Dean House  
1311 Bay Avenue, Highland Beach  
General View  
Fern Eisner, Photographer

March, 1982